

GEORGE W. TIDWELL ON TRIAL FOR LIFE

Insanity Indicated as Plea of Defense.

WOULD HAVE LIFTED THE FALLEN WOMEN

Lawyer for State "Heads Off" Plea of Unwritten Law in the Examination of Talesmen. Self Defense Also Liable to be Relied Upon.

Greenville, May 19.—Accused of the murder of R. Emmett Walker on the twelfth day of March, 1914, George W. Tidwell, Jr., was yesterday placed on trial for his life in the General Sessions court in this city. Judge T. J. Mauldin is presiding over the case. The defense is represented by the firm of Townes, Earle and Price, while the State is represented by Solicitor Bonham, assisted by the firm of Colbran, Dean & Cothran.

The trial moved rapidly yesterday. The jury who will decide the fate of the accused man was selected by half past twelve o'clock, and then the taking of testimony began. In selecting the jury one venire of men was exhausted, and a second drawn. The defense objected to the manner in which the jurors were summoned to court, the sheriff having called several of the venire by mail. Mr. Price contended that the veniremen should have been summoned by the sheriff in person, or by an official working under the sheriff. Nine talesmen of the first venire were absent when the case was called. Considerable discussion was had as to the legality of the summons made to the talesmen. The judge ruled that the men were properly summoned, and ordered the picking of the jury to proceed. The examination of the partial venire, twenty-seven men was, accordingly, begun.

Col. Alvin H. Dean, for the State scored a victory when he "headed off" the unwritten law by a question which the judge allowed him to put to talesmen. The question is as follows: "If you are chosen as a juror in this case will you try the defendant by the testimony which you hear on the witness stand as to the law which the court charges to you, uninfluenced by any other consideration?"

The Plan of the Defense.
James H. Price, for the defense, said yesterday afternoon that the defense would rely partly on the plea of temporary insanity; the state of mind of the defendant being abnormal in view of the disclosures which had been made to him. This may be the chief weapon of the defense, though in view of the testimony of J. P. Cain, witness for the State, to the effect that a scuffle took place prior to the shooting, the defense may base a part of its plea on the grounds of self-defense.

A Legal Battle.
Time and again yesterday the attorneys for the opposing sides fought out certain questions, and time after time there were shrewd questions put to witnesses. There was no lack of alertness on the part of the attorneys. Once or twice it looked bad for the State when certain testimony was introduced, but Solicitor Bonham in a masterful manner coped with the situation. A tense moment it was when G. W. Tidwell was on the stand. He talked impressively of his efforts to lift the women who had proved false to him. He said that rescue homes and other institutions were in existence for no other purpose than to elevate or reclaim fallen women. He said that no man of honor could fail to try to lift women of his own family.

It was during the cross examination when this statement was made by the defendant. Solicitor Bonham, who was conducting a severe cross-examination, looked the defendant in the face a moment, and then asked him why it was that he, the defendant, had tried to make one of the offending men marry the wife, and another the daughter. If he sought primarily to elevate them? Why did he first try to hand the women over to other men, men whom he accused of ruining them, if his desire was to reclaim them?

Another moment of tenseness, and this one preceded the former, was when Tidwell was telling of the note which brought him to Greenville. The note was written by a Mrs. Norris,

who lives on Mulberry street. The solicitor asked if this woman had been shadowing the two Tidwell women. The witness replied that she had not. Had there been any suspicion of guilt on the part of the women? The answer was "no." The defendant said it was his belief that his wife and daughter came to Greenville Friday afternoon. The note reached him at Cheraw early Saturday morning. How did it reach its destination so soon, and how did Mrs. Norris know that Tidwell was in Cheraw, asked the solicitor, if there had been no designation of her as a spy upon the women? The question caused an alert expression to pass over the faces of those in the room. The defendant replied that he did not know how Mrs. Norris knew where he was, and that he had not instructed her to be on the lookout for the women. The solicitor said that the note could not have reached Cheraw at the time Tidwell said it reached him, if it had been mailed Friday night. The envelope in which the note was sent was destroyed, so no postmark could be introduced. The signature to the note was "N." The defendant said that he had never before had any correspondence with Mrs. Norris, whom he described as a "friend of the family."

The defendant was on the stand at the time court was adjourned, and this morning he will take the stand again, and the State will proceed with the cross-examination.

Oliver Tidwell on Stand.
The daughter of the defendant took the stand prior to her father, but her testimony was short, as the State objected to certain testimony, and Judge Mauldin sustained the objection. It was during the argument as to the relevancy of her testimony that Attorney Price stated a part of the defense would be based on temporary insanity. The girl will take the stand again today.

Jury to Visit Scene.
Solicitor Bonham asked that the jury visit the scene of the killing, and possibly the twelve men will be taken to Carolina Mills today in order to see where the fatal shooting occurred.

A Good Witness.
A. A. Roddey, the second witness sworn gave his testimony in a straightforward manner. When asked if his sympathies were with Walker, he replied that his sympathies were "with any man shot down like that." He said he bore no malice toward Tidwell, but that it was the action that caused him to sympathize with Walker, and the manner of it.

Dr. J. B. Earle on Stand.
Dr. J. B. Earle was the third witness. He testified that the bullet which entered the left breast of Walker was, in his judgment, sufficient to have caused death. Dr. Earle said that Emmett Walker was below the average man in strength.

Tom Atkins, public service driver, told of taking Tidwell to Carolina mill.

Mrs. Walker on Stand.
Mrs. Tandy A. Walker, mother of the dead boy was asked by Col. Dean if she felt able to take the stand. She sobbed aloud on the shoulder of her husband for a few moments, but was soon quieted. Several of the jurymen had tears in their eyes, when Mrs. Walker came to the stand. She was composed as a witness, but sobbed again at the conclusion of her testimony. The witness testified that two years ago her dead son had appendicitis. She said he was twenty years old, and weighed 127 pounds.

Character Witness.
The defense at this juncture introduced several character witnesses, and also witnesses to show that Emmett Walker had visited the Tidwell girl at Clinton.

R. L. McKinney, publisher and owner of the Macon News testified that the defendant had worked for him several years, and that his reputation for peace and order was good. A question as to Tidwell's reputation for truth and veracity was asked, but the question was ruled out, as no attack had been made upon the character of the defendant.

S. J. Garlington, an attorney of Augusta, testified that he had known Tidwell, and that his reputation for peace and order was good.

H. S. Butler and J. M. Keck, of the Jacobs Advertising agency, which firm Tidwell worked for, each testified that the defendant's character was good so far as they knew. The former testified that Tidwell had been in the office a day or two preceding the killing, and that he appeared greatly

LATE J. M. CANNON LAID TO REST

Services at the House and Grave very Largely Attended and a Profusion of Flowers Laid on the Grave.

The funeral services over the body of the late John M. Cannon, who met a tragic death at Gray Court last Tuesday, were held in the cemetery here Wednesday afternoon at five o'clock. Preceding the services at the grave, services were conducted at the house by Rev. L. P. McGee, formerly pastor of the Methodist church here, assisted by Rev. J. R. T. Major, the present pastor, and Rev. C. F. Rankin, of the Presbyterian church. Both the services at the house and the cemetery were very largely attended, at the former the house and piazza not being large enough to accommodate all who were present many having to stand in the yard surrounding the home. Friends of the deceased came from all over the county to attend the services and a number came from adjoining counties.

An honorary escort of Masons attended the body from the home to the cemetery and interment was with Masonic honors. Nearly every Mason lodge in the county was represented in the line of escort. After the impressive ceremony the grave was filled and floral wreaths gently laid over it. So numerous were these that the newly made mound was completely hidden from view by them. Among the wreaths were numerous offerings sent from distant parts of the state, for Mr. Cannon had made friends wherever he had gone.

The pall bearers were the members of the Laurens bar present in the city at the time. They were Messrs. R. E. Babb, H. Y. Simpson, J. W. Ferguson, W. R. Richey, Sr., W. C. Irby, Jr., W. B. Knight, F. P. McGowan, J. H. Sullivan, R. P. Traynham and C. D. Barksdale. Several members of the bar were absent from the city on various missions.

Out of respect for the deceased the business houses and offices of the city closed during the funeral services.

CLINTON MAN KILLED SUNDAY

Ed Eubanks Fatally Wounded and Later Dies at Hospital in this City.

Following a difficulty at the Clinton mill village Sunday morning, in which it appears that he was not wholly a party, Ed Eubanks was fatally shot by John Q. Cunningham and later on in the day died at the hospital in this city. Cunningham was brought to the county jail shortly after the shooting accompanied by one of his brothers and Frank Anderson, the latter deputized by the sheriff.

From the evidence at the inquest, the homicide followed an all-night spree. Along about 7 o'clock Sunday morning Bob Finkler and another man by the name of Dutton became engaged in a personal difficulty. John Cunningham, standing about fifteen feet away, for some reason as yet unexplained, pulled his pistol and taking aim with the pistol resting on his left hand, fired. Eubanks, standing nearby but about whose exact position at the time there was conflicting testimony, received the bullet in his stomach. The fight ended at this point and Eubanks was rushed to the hospital here where he later died.

Shocked by Live Wire.

Mr. Fletcher Taylor, master mechanic at the Watts Mills, narrowly escaped serious injury about 2 o'clock Saturday morning when he was severely shocked by a high voltage electric wire in the mill substation. Mr. Taylor had been awakened shortly before by the night watchman when the latter discovered that something had gone wrong with the electric current. Using a wooden stick to separate two wires, Mr. Taylor received a heavy shock when the stick came in contact with one of the live wires. The shock knocked him unconscious for quite awhile, but he later recovered, the only injuries he received being burns about the hands and feet where the flesh came in contact with the stick and with the tacks in his shoes.

BAIL IS GRANTED J. G. SULLIVAN

Application for Bail Argued in Columbia Yesterday Afternoon and Granted in the Sum of \$5,000.

Clerk of Court C. A. Power received the following telegram from Chief Justice Eugene B. Gary yesterday afternoon: "Bail granted Sullivan in sum of Five thousand Dollars. Not less than two nor more than five sureties." As it is understood that sureties in amount many times more than this has been proffered, little difficulty will be had in securing bail. In all probability Jos. G. Sullivan, slayer of John M. Cannon at Gray Court last Tuesday, will be liberated today to await trial at an early term of court.

Solicitor Cooper, representing the State, and W. R. Richey, Sr. representing the defendant, went down to Columbia yesterday to argue the habeas corpus proceedings before some member of the supreme court, probably Judge Watts. It is presumed that the hearing was held about three o'clock and the decision announced immediately afterwards.

The next term of criminal court will convene June 15th. It is understood that the attorney for the defense has said that he sees no reason why the case should not go to trial at that time. However, it has been rumored that relatives favor a change of venue on account of feeling against the defendant in this county. In case an order is secured, the trial would most likely be held in a nearby county at an early date. No definite announcement has been made as yet as to additional attorneys retained in the case, but it is said that several prominent lawyers, related in different ways to the defendant, have offered their services in his behalf.

WOULD USE MILITIA TO STOP GAMBLING

Solicitor Cooper Comes Out in Emphatic Terms on the Subject of Law Violation in Charleston.

Greenwood, May 14.—Solicitor R. A. Cooper, candidate for governor in the primaries this summer, will enforce the law against race track gambling if elected. Answering a letter from the editor of The Daily Journal, Mr. Cooper writes as follows:

"I have your favor of the 11th inst in which you ask: 'Would you object to telling me how you stand on the accused race track gambling in

worried. Mr. Butler had advised Tidwell to rest a while.

This testimony was taken to show the state of mind of the defendant. Tidwell himself, testified that he could not sleep, nor drink after learning of the acquency of his wife and daughter.

J. A. Jones, of Clinton, testified that he had his hotel register to show that R. B. Walker, of Greenville, had been registered at his hotel on the

28th of February.

Dr. Harper of Clinton, testified that he had seen the Tidwell girl in his drug store with a strange young man.

Mr. Owens, who runs a picture show in Clinton, testified that he had seen the girl there with a strange young man.

Ollie Tidwell then took the stand, but her testimony was not concluded. She answered readily, but in a weak voice.

ACCIDENTAL SHOOTING

Negro Child Kills Younger Brother Few Miles North of City.

While two negro children, ages seven and five, sons of Henry Clowney, who lives several miles north of the city on the old Mills place, were playing with a shot gun Sunday morning a shell in it was exploded killing the younger of the two children. The older child had gotten possession of the gun while his parents were away and in attempting to unbreach it allowed it to go off. The coroner held an inquest Sunday afternoon and the jury rendered a verdict of accidental homicide. It is hardly probable that any further steps will be taken in the matter.

GAVE FINE LECTURE.

Richard Carroll Makes Interesting Lecture in Colored Church Last Sunday.

Richard Carroll, the well-known colored preacher and lecturer addressed an audience of white people and colored people in the St. Paul Baptist church here last Sunday. The subject of his lecture was "Our Dumb Animals: Man's Best Friends," and it proved both entertaining and instructive. He told most convincingly of the great harm that is being done the American people through the indiscriminate killing of birds, frogs, snakes and other animals, showing their harmlessness and their work in assisting man.

LAURENS WINS FROM CLINTON.

In a Fast Game at Laurens Mill Park Locals Win by Score of 6 to 0.

In the second game that has been played on the new Laurens Mill Ball Park, the home team defeated the Clinton Mill team last Saturday by a score of 6 to 0. The local mill team had improved greatly since its first game and took Saturdays battle in first-class style. Both teams put up good ball and the contest was interesting throughout.

WON THE RUBBER.

Boards Battle Better and Beat the Boys Hailing from Church Street.

In a five-reel feature picture shown in Garlington's Meadow last Monday the caste of the Gilkerson House cast gloom over Church Street when they walked away with a baseball mix-up by a score of 8 to 3. The picture was taken at a cost of one new ball and was over 90 minutes in making. Both sides put up some real ball and both sides were guilty of putting up some real base ball—in fact some of it was very base. It was a very fierce struggle though ending peacefully, and one side will live happy ever afterwards. It was the third onslaught of a series, both teams having won one game of the first two, and will probably be the last between these two aggregations as at least one side is satisfied. The star of the game was Johnnie Gilkerson who broke his world record by not falling but nine times during the whole game. The infielders for the Christians were in fine form and played an excellent game.

Carpeting Court Room.

Supervisor Humbert has recently purchased a cork carpet for covering the floor in the court room. The order was placed through the firm of S. M. & E. H. Wilkes & Company and employees from there have been putting it down during the past few days. The floor in the vault room of the clerk of court's office will be covered with the same material.

Better Passenger Coaches.

The C. N. & L. railroad has made considerable improvement in its passenger equipment by the purchase of vestibuled day coaches to be used on the morning and evening trains to and from Columbia. The coaches are not entirely new ones, but were renovated throughout before being put into service. Nicely painted and upholstered, they make a very neat appearance and are much cleaner and more comfortable than the old coaches.

Base Ball Friday.

Quoign Counters vs Pill Rollers et al. will be the line-up Friday afternoon in Garlington pasture. The base ball prowess of these two aggregations is well known so a heap big game may be expected. An admission fee of five and ten cents will be charged, the proceeds to go to the Boy Scouts.

SCHOOL EXERCISES BEGIN SATURDAY

Twenty-One Pupils to Receive Diplomas.

CLASS EXERCISES SATURDAY NIGHT

The School Session will Come to an End Monday Night with Address by Rev. H. A. McCullough and Awarding of Diplomas to Graduating Class.

COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM

Class Exercises, Saturday night, May 23d, 8:30 P. M. in school auditorium.

Annual Sermon, Sunday, May 24th, 11 A. M. in Presbyterian Church by Rev. A. G. Wardlaw, D. D.

Address before the school, Monday night, May 25th, 8:30 P. M. by Rev. H. A. McCullough, in school auditorium. And awarding of diplomas.

The commencement exercises of the Laurens graded school will begin Saturday night, of this week, and continue through Monday night. Saturday night the class exercises of the young graduates will be held in the graded school auditorium, when the class history, class poem, etc., will be read. Sunday morning the annual sermon will be delivered in the Presbyterian church by Rev. A. G. Wardlaw, D. D., of Greer. Monday night Rev. H. A. McCullough will deliver the annual literary address before the graduating class. Awarding of diplomas will also be made Monday night. Both of the night exercises will begin at 8:30 o'clock.

Class Exercises.

The following is the program of the class exercises Saturday night:

1. Song of the Classes.
2. Welcome Address.
3. Class History.
4. Instrumental Solo—Airde Ballet.
5. Class Prophecy.
6. Vocal Solo—The Rosary.
7. Class Poem.
8. Vocal Solo—Sympathy.
9. Class Will.
10. Class Song.

The Graduating Class.

The graduating class this year is composed of six boys and fifteen girls, this being one of the largest classes yet to receive diplomas from the Laurens school. Not only in numbers but in its personnel does the 1914 class rank high, as it is composed of an unusually bright and ambitious set of young men and young ladies. The following are the members of the class: Hugh Aiken, Leland Bolt, Carlisle Dial, Laurens Philpot, Paul Lake, Herbert Sullivan, Mary Burton, Lucy Vance, Darlington, Margaret Dunlap, Hattie Gray, Inez Hudgens, Robbie Hudgens, Minnie Irving, Mary Poole, Mattie Kate Owings, Louise Simmons, Virginia Simpson, Lilla Todd, Nellie Thompson, Mary Wilkes, Elizabeth Mosley.

Children View Pictures.

The children of the Laurens mill kindergarten, with their teachers, Misses Thames and Childress, were guests of the Idle Hour theatre Friday afternoon. The children were brought over to the picture show from their homes in wagons and "emptied out" at the theatre door, spick and span in their Sunday best clothes and happy as young birds on a spring morning. Though some of the little ones were yet too young to really enjoy the stories portrayed in the pictures, the experience itself was enough to delight them so every one of them returned home content and happy over the afternoon's entertainment.